

Remarks

Claims 1-13 were pending in the present application. Claims 1-13 are cancelled and new Claims 14-16 are added. In the present Office Action, the Examiner indicated that Claim 5 was objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claim 5 was a dependent claim that depended directly from independent Claim 1.

New Claim 14 was drafted to include the limitations of Claim 5 and Claim 1 in independent form. Additional minor changes were made to the language to address syntax and antecedent basis issues with the original language of the claims.

New Claims 15 and 16 are dependent from Claim 14. They each claim the limitations of cancelled claims 10 and 11 respectively. Additional minor changes were made to the language to address syntax and antecedent basis issues with the original language of the claims.

Conclusion

New Claim 14 is cancelled Claim 5 rewritten in independent form with the limitations of cancelled Claim 1 included. New Claims 15 and 16 depend from Claim 14. Consequently, these claims are allowable for the reasons indicated by the Examiner in the present office action. Therefore, a favorable response in the form of a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

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